Food Processing Project of Punjab and Uttar Pradesh

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals for food processing projects from Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of food processing schemes sanctioned for those States, during that period;

(d) the financial assistance released for these projects to those States during the current financial year and the Five Year Plan Period; and

(e) the present status of these projects, State-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) to (e) Financial assistance is provided to NGOs/Cooperatives/ Private Sector and Assisted Sector Units by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for the development of processed food sector. Proposals complete in all respects have been provided loan/grant-in-aid under various Plan Schemes of the Ministry like Setting up/ Expansion/Modernisation of food processing industries, cold storage, creation of infrastructure facilities, strengthening of backward linkages, etc. Details of assistance released to Uttar Pradesh and Punjab and number of proposals covered during the 9th Five Year Plan and during the current financal year under various Schemes, are as under:

(Amount in Rs. lakhs)

Year	Uttar Pradesh		Punjab	
	No. of Proposals	Amount released	No. of Proposals	Amount released
1997-1998	1	13.75	4	89.45
1998-1999	3	110.00	3	173.15
1999-2000	5	190.01	1	25.00
2000-2001	5	557.01	4	352.32
2001-2002	9	193.27	3	132.25
2002-2003	2	38.06	1	25.00

Approval of applications seeking financial assistance is given based on technical feasibility and financial viability of the proposals. The major projects for which assistance has been extended include setting up of Food Parks, food processing units and upgradation of laboratories etc. These are at various stages of implementation.

Storage facilities for FPIs

4723. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amount of loss incurred by the country due to lack of modern storage facilities for food processing industries, during the last five years;

(b) the steps taken by government to reduce such loss; and

(c) the present position of the food processing industries and cold storage facilities, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: (a) In 1995, Government of India constituted a Working Group on Post Harvest Management, Marketing & Exports. This Group estimated that post-harvest losses in different crops range from 8% to 37%. These losses occur during different stages after harvest.